



SMART DRIVERS STAY SAFE

Drive Truck Smart, Not Semi Stupid

There are nearly six million commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) on our roads and highways, so developing smart and safe driving behaviors around trucks is a must:



If you are traveling behind a dump truck or any vehicle that is losing debris, back off and notify law enforcement.



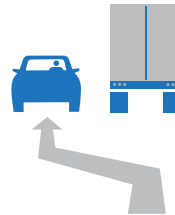
Use your headlights when driving at dawn or dusk.



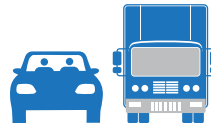
Don't use your high beams when traveling behind a semi at night as the lights will reflect in a truck's mirrors and may blind the driver. Dim your lights whenever approaching another vehicle.



Don't drive impaired. Nearly 40 percent of fatal crashes involve a driver who has been drinking.



It's okay to pass trucks of all types, just give yourself extra time and space to pass safely.



Passenger vehicle drivers cause approximately 70 percent of crashes involving automobiles and semis. Trucks tend to travel at a consistent speed and make fewer lane changes.



Head-on collisions cause 23 percent of fatalities involving large trucks and cars. Be patient while driving behind semis. Don't pass left of center or swerve into oncoming traffic to pass the semi. Pass when it's safe.

DID YOU KNOW?



Distracted or inattentive driving is the leading cause of crashes between passenger cars and large trucks. A momentary distraction can have deadly consequences.



The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) estimated the cost of crashes involving large trucks and buses totaled nearly \$87 billion in 2012.

For further information on how to drive Truck Smart visit the following sites or email TruckSmart@utah.gov:

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ZeroFatalities.com

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